[Mr. C. Kumara Das.]

(f)	Nedungolam and Wattakkottai	... C. Johnstone, Mechanic Rs. 30.
	Puliyarakonam and Chengalloor	... E. K. Raghavan Pillai, Prospector, Rs. 40.
	Kizhanguvilai	... V. Subramoniam, Assistant Geologist, Rs. 80.
	Nettayam	... C. Johnstone, Mechanic, Rs. 30.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the people mentioned in Part (*f*) of the answer were supervising the work from day to day?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Except in the case of No. 1 namely, Mr. Johnstone who had to go to Vattakottai for some special urgent work, the others were supervising the work from day to day. During the absence of Mr. Johnstone the State Geologist was attending to that work.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Is that the case with regard to the Geologist generally?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

Contract of prospecting operations.

342 * **MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any work in connection with the prospecting operations conducted by Government during the years 1114 and 1115 has been given on contract system;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the work so given in each place and the name of the contractor and the caste to which he belongs;

(*c*) whether tenders were invited for such works; and

(*d*) the amount so far paid to each contractor?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (a) Yes.

(b) 'Extending the working face of the prospecting shaft at Puliyarakkonam' is the only work done under the contract system. The contractor is Mr. Dasiah, who comes under the category of 'other Christian'.

(c) Yes.

(d) Rs. 3,391-1-15, is the amount paid to Mr. Dasiah.

Licences for Guns.

343 * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of licences for keeping guns that have not been renewed for the current year in Kottayam District?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: 714.

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